

### Abstract of the Disclosure

An optical scanner may be used either with or without a support stand. When operated without the support stand, the scanner may be used to  
5 acquire an image of an object in virtually any location and/or orientation, e.g., an image of a picture hanging on a wall. When used in conjunction with the support stand, the scanner may attach to the support stand such that it is able to pivot with respect to the support stand. An object to be scanned (e.g., a  
10 document) may then be placed on a support surface of the support stand and the scanner pivoted to a closed position to allow scanning of the object. In this manner, the scanner may also be used in a manner similar to a conventional flatbed scanner.

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